

SB 5450 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Local Government

NOT CONSIDERED

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

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4 "Sec. 1. RCW 70.44.050 and 2008 c 31 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Each commissioner shall receive ninety dollars for each day or
7 portion thereof spent in actual attendance at official meetings of the
8 district commission, or in performance of other official services or
9 duties on behalf of the district, to include meetings of the
10 commission of his or her own district, or meetings attended by one or
11 more commissioners of two or more districts called to consider
12 business common to them, except that the total compensation paid to
13 such commissioner during any one year shall not exceed eight thousand
14 six hundred forty dollars. The commissioners may not be compensated
15 for services performed of a ministerial or professional nature.

16 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her
17 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
18 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
19 district as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,
20 must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to
21 the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The
22 waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is
23 made.

24 Any district providing group insurance for its employees, covering
25 them, their immediate family, and dependents, may provide insurance
26 for its commissioners with the same or similar coverage. Each
27 commissioner shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually

1 incurred in connection with such business and meetings, including his
2 or her subsistence and lodging and travel while away from his or her
3 place of residence. No resolution shall be adopted without a majority
4 vote of the whole commission. The commission shall organize by
5 election of its own members of a president and secretary, shall by
6 resolution adopt rules governing the transaction of its business and
7 shall adopt an official seal. All proceedings of the commission shall
8 be by motion or resolution recorded in a book or books kept for such
9 purpose, which shall be public records.

10 The dollar thresholds established in this section must be adjusted
11 for inflation by the office of financial management every five years,
12 beginning July 1, 2008, based upon changes in the consumer price index
13 during that time period. "Consumer price index" means, for any
14 calendar year, that year's annual average consumer price index, for
15 Washington state, for wage earners and clerical workers, all items,
16 compiled by the bureau of labor and statistics, United States
17 department of labor. If the bureau of labor and statistics develops
18 more than one consumer price index for areas within the state, the
19 index covering the greatest number of people, covering areas
20 exclusively within the boundaries of the state, and including all
21 items shall be used for the adjustments for inflation in this section.
22 The office of financial management must calculate the new dollar
23 threshold and transmit it to the office of the code reviser for
24 publication in the Washington State Register at least one month before
25 the new dollar threshold is to take effect.

26 A person holding office as commissioner for two or more special
27 purpose districts shall receive only that per diem compensation
28 authorized for one of his or her commissioner positions as
29 compensation for attending an official meeting or conducting official
30 services or duties while representing more than one of his or her
31 districts. However, such commissioner may receive additional per diem
32 compensation if approved by resolution of all boards of the affected
33 commissions."

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EFFECT: Allows a public hospital district that provides group insurance for its employees and their immediate family and dependents to provide the same or similar coverage, rather than only similar coverage, for the district's commissioners.

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